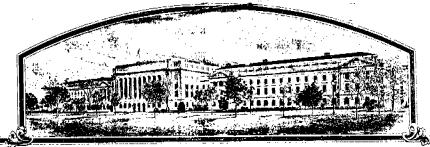
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AN APPLICATION REQUESTING A CERTIFICATE OF PROTECTION FOR AN ALLEGED NOVEL VARIETY OF SEXUALLY REPRODUCED PLANT, THE NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION AND EXHIBITS, A COPY OF WHICH IS HEREUNTO ANNEXED AND MADE A PART HEREOF, AND THE VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS OF LAW IN SUCH CASES MADE AND PROVIDED HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH, AND THE TITLE THERETO IS, FROM THE RECORDS OF THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE, IN THE APPLICANT(S) INDICATED IN THE SAID COPY, AND WHEREAS, UPON DUE EXAMINATION MADE, THE SAID APPLICANT(S) IS (ARE) ADJUDGED TO BE ENTITLED TO A CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION IS TO GRANT UNTO THE SAID APPLICANT(S) AND THE SUCCESSORS, HEIRS OR ASSIGNS OF THE SAID APPLICANT(S) FOR THE TERM OF ACCURACEN YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THIS GRANT, SUBJECT TO THE PAYMENT OF THE REQUIRED FEES AND PERIODIC REPLENISHMENT OF VIABLE BASIC SEED OF THE VARIETY IN A PUBLIC REPOSITORY AS PROVIDED BY LAW, THE RIGHT TO EXCLUDE OTHERS FROM SELLING THE VARIETY, OR OFFERING IT FOR SALE, OR REPRODUCING IT, IMPORTING IT, OR EXPORTING IT, OR USING IT IN PRODUCING A HYBRID OR DIFFERENT LETY THEREFROM, TO THE EXTENT PROVIDED BY THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION ACT AT, 1542, AS AMENDED, 7 U.S.C. 2321 ET SEQ.)

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In Testimony Mancrot, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Plant Variety Protection Office to be affixed at the City of Washington this 24th day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand nine

the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-seven

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FORM APPROVED OMB NO. 40-R3712

APPLICATION FOR PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION CERTIFICATE

| INSTRUCTIONS: See Reverse. | | | | |
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| 1. VARIETY NAME OR TEMPORARY | 2. KIND NAME | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | FOR OFFIC | IAL USE ONLY |
| DESIGNATION COSTAVERDE | } | | PVPO NUMBER | |
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| 6. NAME OF APPLICANT(S) | 7. ADDRESS (Street & Gode) | nd No. or R.F.D. No. | , City, State, and ZIP | 8. TELEPHONE AREA CODE AND NUMBER |
| Keystone Seed Co. | 7. O. Box 1 | 438, Holliste | r, Ca. 95023 | 408 |
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| 12. Name and mailing address of applica | | | | |
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| The applicant declares that a viable sa ance of a certificate and will be replent (See Section 52, P.L. 91-577). | nished periodically | of this variety w | th such regulations as | may be applicable. |
| 14A. Does the applicant(s) specify that (See Section 83(a), P.L. 91-577) (1) | (''Yes,'' answer 14 | B and 14C below | .) YES X NO | |
| 14B. Does the applicant(s) specify that limited as to number of generations | | beyond bree | | erations of production |
| Applicant is informed that false represe | entation herein can | jeopardize protec | tion and result in per | alties. |
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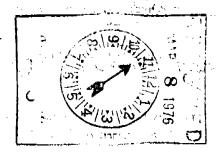
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GENERAL: "Send an original copy of the application, exhibits and \$50.00 fee to U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Consumer and Marketing Service, Grain Division, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782. Retain one copy for your files. All items on the face of the form are self-explanatory unles noted below below ুলী কৈ এটা জন্ম কৰে। বিশ্বসাহায় কিছিল কৈ তেওঁ 4.95

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- BUST CONTRACTOR Insert the date the applicant determined that he had a new variety.
- 12a First, give the genealogy, including public and commercial varieties, lines, or clones used, and the breeding method. Second, give the details of subsequent stages of selection and multiplication. Third, indicate the type and frequency of variants during reproduction and multiplication and state how these variants may be identified. Fourth, provide evidence on stability.
- 12b First, give any special characteristics of the seed and of the plant as it passes through the seedling stage, flowering stage and the fruiting stage. Second, describe the mature plant and compare it with a similar commercial variety grown under the same conditions, and indicate the differences.
 - 12c A supplemental form will be furnished by the PVPO to describe in detail a variety for each kind of seed.
 - 12d Provide complete data indicative of novelty. Seed and plant specimens may be submitted and seeds submitted may be sterile. Where possible, include photographs of plant comparisons, chemical tests, etc.
 - 12e Indicate whether applicant is the actual breeder, the employer of the breeder, the owner through purchase or inheritance, etc.

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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Plant Variety Protection Office U.S. Department of Agriculture NAL Building, Room 500 10301 Baltimore Boulevard Beltsville, Maryland 20705-2351

Attn: Ms. Ann K. Zempolich

Assignment of Plant Variety Protection Certificates Re: Owned by Sunseeds Company to Internationale Nederlanden (U.S.) Capital Corporation, as agent for the Lenders party to the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement Referred to Below

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find an originally executed copy of each of (i) the Amended and Restated Security Agreement (the "Security Agreement") dated as of March 14, 1995 by and between Sunseeds Company, a Delaware corporation (formerly known as Sunseeds Acquisition Corporation) ("Sunseeds"), and Internationale Nederlanden (U.S.) Capital Corporation, a Delaware corporation ("ING"), as agent for the Lenders party to the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement referred to below (in such capacity, the "Agent") and (ii) the Amended and Restated Plant Variety Certificates Collateral Assignment (the "Assignment") dated as of March 14021995 by and among Lehman Commercial Paper Inc., a New York corporation ("Lehman"), ING, as Agent, and Sunseeds. The Security Agreement and Assignment are provided for recordation of the assignment to ING, as Agent, of the 26 plant variety protection certificates ("PVPCs") listed in Schedule I of the Assignment in accordance with 7 U.S.C. § 2531 and 7 C.F.R. § 97.130.

The PVPCs subject to the Assignment were assigned to Lehman, as agent for the lenders party to that certain Credit Agreement (the "Original Credit Agreement") dated as of March 31, 1994 by and among Sunseeds, Sunseed Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the Co-Borrower"), Lehman, as agent, and the lenders listed therein, pursuant to that certain Plant Variety Certificates Collateral Assignment (the "Original Assignment") dated as of March 31, 1994 by and between Sunseeds and Lehman, as agent for such lenders. The Original Credit Agreement was amended and restated pursuant to that certain Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of March 14, 1995 by and among Sunseeds, the Co-Borrower, the Lenders, ING, as Agent, and Lehman, to provide for, among other things, the resignation of Lehman as agent and the appointment of ING as successor agent thereto. In connection therewith, the Security Agreement and the Assignment were entered into to amend and restate that certain Security Agreement dated as of March 31, 1994 by and between Sunseeds and Lehman, as agent for the lenders party to the Original Credit Agreement, and the Original Assignment and to reflect the appointment of ING as Agent.

From my telephone conversations with Ms. Ann K. Zempolich and Dr. Kenneth H. Evans of your office, it is my understanding that you will file a copy of this entire cover letter and a copy of Schedule I in the folder of each PVPC listed in Schedule I by placing the copies immediately behind each PVPC in order to notify anyone examining these PVPCs of ING's interest, as agent, in them and refer the examiner to the Security Agreement and Assignment filed in the Assignment Drawers of the Plant Variety Protection Office. Please take this action and any other steps necessary and appropriate to record the assignment in compliance with 7 U.S.C. § 2531 and 7 C.F.R. § 97.130.

To acknowledge your receipt of this letter, the Security Agreement and Assignment, please sign the enclosed copy of this letter on the designated signature line and return the signed copy to me in the enclosed prepaid Federal Express envelope. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Ellen Waldorf

for O'MELVENY & MYERS

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SCHEDULE I

<u>PVPCs</u>

COLLATERAL ASSIGNMENT - PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION CERTIFICATES

| PV# | Crop Kind | Name of Variety | Certificate [*] Issue Date | Expiration Date |
|---------|-----------|-----------------------------|---|--------------------|
| 8100077 | Tomato | Castlong ug | 11/26/82 | 11/26/2000 |
| 8100078 | Tomato | Castlerock | 11/26/82 | 11/26/2000 |
| 8200139 | Tomato | Castle Red | 11/26/82 | 11/26/2000 |
| 7900076 | Onion | Colossal | 10/18/79 | 10/18/1996 |
| 7900086 | Onion | New Mexico White Grano PRR | 10/18/79 | 10/18/1996 |
| 7900117 | Onion | New Mexico Yellow Grano PRR | 01/29/80 | 01/29/1997 |
| 8000039 | Onion | Red Sunset | 07/31/80 | 07/31/1997 |
| 8000040 | Onion | Bianco Duro | 07/31/80 | 07/31/1997 |
| 8000041 | Onion | Brooks PRR | 07/31/80 | 07/31/1997 |
| 8000159 | Onion | Texspan PRR | 06/11/81 | 06/11/1999 |
| 8000161 | Onion | Early Grand PRR | 07/30/81 | 07/30/1999 |
| 8100128 | Onion | Glory | 04/28/83 | 04/28/2001 |
| 8100129 | Onion | Paradise | 04/28/83 | 04/28/2001 |
| 8100130 | Onion | Regal | 04/28/83 | 04/28/2001 |
| 8100166 | Onion | Sweet Winter | 11/26/82 | 11/26/2000 |
| 8300083 | Onion | Crystal Wax Pickling | 12/30/83 | 12/30/2001 |
| 9100045 | Tomato | Sun 6095 | 01/31/92 | 01/31/2010 |
| 7600052 | Lettuce | Chaparral | 05/16/77 | 05/16/1994 |
| 7600053 | Lettuce | Costaverde | 08/24/77 | 08/24/1994 |
| 7600054 | Lettuce | Gustaverde | 08/24/77 | 08/24/1994 |
| 7600055 | Lettuce | Mesaverde | 05/31/77 | 05/31/1994 |
| 7900067 | Lettuce | Commander | 07/26/79 | 07/26/1996 |
| 8500064 | Tomato | Mystro | 09/30/87 | 09/30/2005 |
| 8700194 | Tomato | Sun 1643 | 11/29/91 | 11/29/2009 |
| 8800057 | Pepper | Prima Belle | 09/30/88 | 09/30/2006 |
| 8300168 | Okra | Cajun Queen | 09/27/85 | 09/27/2003 |

Each of the above-referenced Plant Variety Protection Certificates are owned by Sunseeds Company (formerly known as Sunseeds Acquisition Corporation), a Delaware corporation.

APPLICATION FOR PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION CERTIFICATE

Exhibit A

Origin and Breeding History of Lettuce variety, temporary designation, "3271".

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1. "3271" originated in California from a hand pollinated cross between Great Lakes Bellaverde and Calmar. Cross was made in 1965. Using Bellaverde as the recurrent parent, 6 back crosses were made to downy mildew Race 5 resistant segregants. In each back cross generation, resistant segregants were identified by inoculation with the organism.

Subsequently, the F-1 of back cross 6 was inoculated with the organism to eliminate susceptible individuals (S-1). Then, the (S-1) was inoculated with the organism to eliminate the heterozygotes for resistance. The (S-2) was selfed and progeny tested for phenotype. On basis of progeny test, "3071" was chosen as most suited for a variety fitting the same uses as Bellaverde, but carrying resistance to downy mildew Race 5.

- 2. In preparing for progeny testing of the S-3 generation, a portion of the seed of each lot was retained for foundation seed increase. In 1973 foundation seed was produced on "3271".

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- 3. In 1974 and 1975, trials were conducted in the California coastal area where Bellaverde is now utilized. In these trials it was shown that "2071" was equal to Calmar in resistance to downy mildew Race 5, but with the more desireable characteristics of Bellaverde.

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- 4. "3271" is homozygous for resistance to downy mildew Race 5 and shows no more diversity in morphological characteristics than normally found in the Great Lakes type of lettuce.
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 5. The genetic makeup of "3271" was stabalized in back cross 6, S-3 generation.

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Exhibit B

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Botanical Description of "3271".

Cstrevede "3271" resembles Bellaverde but has a slightly larger frame and head than Bellaverde.

In 1975 trials, "3271" frame averaged 44.3 cm. across while Bellaverde was 43.7 cm. The head diameter of "3271" averaged 15.9 cm. and Bellaverde 15.6 cm. The head depth of "3271" averaged 14.0 cm. and Bellaverde 13.7 cm. The skirt leaves are semi-procumbent, rounded, entire but with waved margins. Surface is smooth with slight blistering. Wrapper leaves are sparse but large and erect. Cap leaves are tight and well flagged without spiraling. Butts are flat and very well colored. Heads are flattened in shape. Texture is like Great Lakes.

Color of leaves as determined by spectral reflectance gives a Y value of 19.11, a purity of 40.3% with the dominant wave length at 571 nm. This is in the greenish yellow of the Maxwell Chart of chromaticity. For Bellaverde, Y value is 20.07; purity is 49.1% with dominant wave length of 573 nm. From these measurements, Bellaverde leaves are slightly brighter than "3271" and contain more yellow pigment.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE GRAIN DIVISION HYATTSVILLE, MARYLAND 20782

EXHIBIT C

OBJECTIVE DESCRIPTION OF VARIETY

| NSTRUCTIONS: See reverse. (LETT | UCE) | |
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| NAME OF APPLICANT(S) | | FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY |
| Keystone Seed Co. | | |
| ADDRESS (Street and No. of R.F.D. No., City, State, and ZIP Code) | | 766653 |
| 9870 Fairview Rd., Hollister, Ca. 95023 | | COSTAVERDE |
| Place the appropriate number that describes the variets | al character of this | s variety in the boxes below. |
| 1. PLANT TYPE: | 30 = COS | 40 CRISPHEAD |
| 4 2 10 = CUTTING (Lead) 20 = STALK | 31 = SELF-CLOSI | NG 11 :MPERIAL GROUP 42 = GREAT LAKES GROUP |
| 50 = BUTTERHEAD 60 = LATIN | 32 = LOOSE-CLO | 40 |
| 70 = OTHER (Specify) | l GROUP | 14 - NEW YORK GROUP |
| 2. SEED COLOR: | 3. ANTHOCYANIN: | |
| 1 1 = WHITE 2 = BLACK 3 = YELLOW | 1 1 = ABSENT | 2 = PRESENT |
| 4. LEAF CONTAINING ANTHOCYANIN: | <u> </u> | |
| | | HER (Specify) |
| 5. LEAF SURFACE TEXTURE: 6. LEAF SURFACE REF | | |
| 2 1 = SMOOTH 2 = BLISTERED 2 1 = DULL 2 = GLOSSY 3 = OTHER (Specify) | | |
| 7. LEAF MARGIN: 2 1 = STRAIGHT 2 = WAVY 1 1 = ENTIRE 2 4 = DEEPLY INC. | PEDENTATE 3 = IN | CISED pecity) |
| 8. LEAF SHAPE: | | |
| 1 1 = ROUNDED 2 = POINTED 1 = BROADER THAN LONG | 2 = LONGER THAN BROAD | 3 = OTHER (Specify) |
| 9. LEAF COLOR: (See reverse.) | ELLOWISH-CREEN | 5 = GREYISH+GRESN |
| 1 = RED 2 = REDDISH-BROWN 3 # YELLOW 4 = Y 6 # BLUE-GREEN 7 = DARK-GREEN 8 = VERY DARK | 222011011 0112211 | |
| 10. HEADS: | 11. PLANT SIZE: (S | ee reverse.) |
| 1 = SPHERICAL 2 = FLATTENED 3 = ELONGATE 2 1 = SMALL · 2 = MEDIUM 3 = LARGE 4 = POINTED 5 = NON-HEADING | | .2 = MEDIUM 3 = LARGE |
| 12. CULTURE: | | |
| 3 1 = SUMMER 2 = WINTER 3 = NOT 4 = UNDER CROP CROP SPECIFIC 4 = GLAS | | |
| 13. SIZE OF 10-DAY OLD SEEDLING GROWN UNDER CONSTANT LIG | GHT (Growth Chamber) A | |
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| 14. DISEASE RESISTANCE TO: (Enter zeroes in box(es) where there i | i i | |
| O I = TIPBURN O 2 # MOSAIC O 3 = DAMPING OFF | | |
| O 5 = SCLEROTINIA O 6 = EROWN O 7 = BIG VEIN O 8 = OTHER (Specify) | | |
| 15. OUTLINE THE FOURTH LEAF: (For standardization purposes, th | e fourth leaf should be t | aken from a 20-day old plant grown under constant |
| light.) | | |
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| 16. INDICATE WH | ICH VARIETY MOST | CLOSELY RESEMBI | ES THAT SUBMITTE | D: | | |
|-----------------|---|-----------------|---|----------------------|--|----------|
| CHAF | RACTER | <u> </u> | | NAME OF VARIET | Υ | |
| Leaf color | | Bellaverde | | | | |
| Leaf pigmentat | ion | Bellaverde | | | | |
| Leaf shape | | Bellaverde | | | | |
| Plant size | | Bellaverde | | | | |
| Head size | | Bellaverde | | | | |
| VARIETY | NO. OF DAYS TO HEAD MATURITY UNDER WINTER CROPPING | LOCATION | NO. OF DAYS TO HEAD MATURITY UNDER SUMMER CROPPING | LOCATION | NO. OF DAYS TO SEED STALK EMERGENCE UNDER SUMMER CROPPING | LOCATION |
| Submitted | | | 93 | Hollister, Calif. | | |
| Similar | | | .93 | Hollister, Calif. | | |
| Name of | 70 - 77 | verde | Bella | verde | Bellave | rde |

INSTRUCTIONS

GENERAL: The following publications may be used as a reference aid for completing this form:

- 1. C. M. Rodenburg, 1960, <u>Varieties of Lettuce</u>, <u>An International Monograph</u>, Institunt Voor de Veredeling van Tuinbouwgewassen, Wageningen, Holland.
- 2. L. L. Morse, 1930, Field Notes on Lettuce, published by Ferry-Morse Seed Co.

LEAF COLOR: Nickerson's or any recognized color fan may be used to determine the leaf color of the described variety. The following lettuce varieties may be used as a guide to identify the eight colors listed on the form.

| Color | <u>Variety</u> |
|-----------------|------------------|
| Red | "Salad Trim" |
| Reddish-brown | "Ruby" |
| Yellow | "Salad Bowl" |
| Yellowish-green | "Oakleaf" |
| Greyish-green | "White Boston" |
| Bluish-green | "Bibb" |
| Dark-green | "Imperial" group |
| Very dark green | "Deer Tongue" |

PLANT SIZE: The following varieties may be used as a guide to identify the plant type size:

| TYPE | COMPARABLE VARIETIES | | | |
|----------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------|--|
| | 5MALL. | MEDIUM | LARGE | |
| Cutting (leaf) | Boston-Curled | Prize Head | Grand Rapids | |
| Stalk (stem) | Celtuce | | | |
| Cos | Express | Parris Island | Giant White | |
| Crisphead | Mignonette | Hanson (Merit) | Climax | |
| Butterhead | Tom Thumb | Big Boston | Mammoth Butter | |
| Latin | Sucrine | Creole | Deer Tongue | |

APPLICATION FOR PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION CERTIFICATE

Exhibit D

Data Indicative of Novelty.

Novelty is based on the unique combination of the following characteristics:

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"3271" most closely resembles Bellaverde, except that "3271" is resistant to downy mildew Race 5.

APPLICATION FOR PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION CERTIFICATE

Exhibit E

Statement of Applicant's Ownership.

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Keystone Seed Co., Hollister, California, believes it is the sole, original and first breeder of "3271" variety of lettuce for which it solicits a certificate of protection. Coslavevale

PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION CERTIFICATE

ASSIGNMENT

The Sunseeds Division of Agrigenetics Corporation, a Delaware corporation having a place of business at 3575 Mitchell Lane, Boulder, Colorado 80301 ("Agrigenetics"), represents that it is the owner of the entire right, title and interest in and to the plant variety protection certificates and applications for plant variety protection certificates shown below.

For good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Agrigenetics hereby assigns to UF Genetics, Inc., a Delaware corporation having a place of business at 9800 Fairview Road, Hollister, California 95024, Agrigenetics' entire right, title and interest in and to the following plant variety protection certificates and applications therefore, together with all Agrigenetics' rights to the sexually reproduced plants that are the subject of such certificates and applications:

I. Registered Certificates

| Title | Certificate Number | <u>Date</u> |
|--|---|--|
| Empress 9014 9293 9400 Paymaster | 7900045 Ap8100174 Ap8100175 Ap8200007 7600058 | 4/15/82 9/28/81 9/28/81 10/22/81 12/7/77 |
| Lakeland | 7600059 | 1/26/78 |
| Triumph | 7600061 | 12/30/77 |
| Broker's Choice | 8100175 | 4/28/83 |
| Profit Maker | 8100174 | 4/28/83 |
| Shannon | 8200007 | 4/28/83 |
| Sunrise | 7100029 | 6/24/74 |
| Lake Shasta | 7100030 | 8/12/74 |
| Lake Erie | 7100031 | 8/12/74 |
| Rebel | 7100033 | 9/30/74 |
| Lake Superior | 7100034 | 5/21/74 |
| Miami | 7100036 | 2/28/74 |
| Lake Geneva | 7200068 | 5/21/74 |
| Scanion | 7300001 | 11/15/74 |
| Picoverde | 7300016 | 4/10/73 |
| Raider | 7400069 | 7/26/74 |

| Lake Largo Lake Seneca Chaparral Costaverde Gustoverde | 7400104 7500096 7600052 7600054 | 9/30/74 11/24/75 5/16/77 8/24/77 8/24/77 |
|--|--|--|
| Mesaverde | 7600055 | 5/31/77 |
| Conquest | 7700058 | 7/26/77 |
| Commander | 7900067 | 7/26/79 |
| Keygold | 8000111 | 10/16/80 |
| Snapbean, Exp. 163 | 7600058 | 12/7/77 |
| Snapbean, Exp. 195 | 7600059 | 1/6/78 |
| 'Green Genes' Bean | 7600060 | 12/7/77 |
| Snapbean, Exp. 116-0 | 7600061 | 12/30/77 |
| Mikado (AVX 450) | Ap8400037 | 12/30/83 |
| Mystro | 8500064 | 4/16/85 |

II. Pending Certificate Applications

| <u>Title</u> | Application Number | Filing Date |
|--------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Cajun Queen | Pending | |
| Mendota | Pending | |
| Sunset | Pending | |
| Alpine | Pending | |
| Polaris | Pending | |

AGRIGENETICS CORPORATION

By: Murray Polinin Title: Executive Vice President

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June 7, 1988

Kenneth H. Evans, Commissioner Plant Variety Protection Office National Agriculture Library Building, Room 500 Beltsville, MD 20705

Re: Change of Assignment.

Dear Mr. Evans:

This letter is in reference to your correspondence to me, dated July 14, 1987. I wish to make it clear that this change of assignment is to indicate a name change only, from U.F. Genetics, Inc. to Sunseeds Genetics, Inc.

Also, in reference to 'Mystro' tomato, have Item 1 read Sunseeds Genetics, Inc. and issue the certificate to Sunseeds Genetics, Inc.

Enclosed please find a check in the amount of \$170.00 to cover the cost of changing the certificates.

| Title | Certificate No. | Date |
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| Empress | 7900045 | 4/15/82 |
| 9014 | Ap8100174 | 9/28/81 |
| 9293 9400 | Ap8100174 Ap8100175 Ap8200007 | 9/28/81 |
| Paymaster | 7600058 | 10/22/81 12/7/77 |
| Lakeland | 7600059 | 1/26/78 |
| Triumph | 7600061 | 12/30/77 |
| Broker's Choice | 8100175 | 4/28/83 |
| Profit Maker | 8100174 | 4/28/83 |
| Shannon | 8200007 | 4/28/83 |
| Sunrise | 7100029 | 6/24/74 |
| Lake Shasta | 7100030 | 8/12/74 |
| Lake Erie | 7100031 | 8/12/74 |
| Rebel | 7100033 | 9/30/74 |
| Lake Superior | 7100034 | 5/21/74 |



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| Title | Certificate No. | Date |
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| Miami | 7100036 | 2/28/74 |
| Lake Geneva | 7200068 | 5/21/74 |
| Scanion | 7300001 | 11/15/74 |
| Picoverde | 7300016 | 4/10/73 |
| Raider | 7400069 | 7/26/74 |
| Lake Largo | 7400104 | 9/30/74 |
| Lake Seneca | 7500096 | 11/24/75 |
| Chaparral | 7600052 | 5/16/77 |
| Costaverde | 7600053 | 8/24/77 |
| Gustoverde | 7600054 | 8/24/77 |
| Mesaverde | 7600055 | 5/32/77 |
| Conquest | 7700058 | 7/26/77 |
| Commander | 7900067 | 7/26/79 |
| Keygold | 8000111 | 10/16/80 |
| Snapbean, Exp. 163 | 7600058 | 12/7/77 |
| Snapbean, Exp. 195 | 7600059 | 1/6/78 |
| 'Green Genes' Bean | 7600060 | 12/7/77 |
| Snapbean, Exp. 116-0 | 7600061 | 12/30/77 |
| Mikado (AVX 450) | Ap8400037 | 12/30/83 |

Sincerely,

Gene Hookstra Vice President, Research

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enc: Check Copy of Correspondence from K.H. Evans

PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION ASSIGNMENT

THIS PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION ASSIGNMENT ("Assignment") is made and entered into as of this _____ day of ______, 1994, ("Effective Date"), by and between Sunseeds Ltd., L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, ("Assignor"), and Sunseeds Company (formerly Sunseeds Acquisition Corporation), a Delaware corporation, ("Assignee").

WHEREAS, pursuant to a certain Asset Purchase Agreement dated March 7, 1994, Assignor has agreed to sell to Assignee substantially all of Assignor's assets used in the Assignor's business, including the United States Plant Variety Protection Certificates set forth on Schedule A attached hereto (the "PVP Certificates") and the foreign plant variety registrations set forth on Schedule B attached hereto (the "Foreign Registrations").

WHEREAS, Assignor is the sole and exclusive owner of the entire right, title and interest in, to and under the PVP Certificates and Foreign Registrations; and

WHEREAS, Assignee wishes to acquire and Assignor wishes to assign all right, title and interest in and to the PVP Certificates and Foreign Registrations.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Assignor does hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over to Assignee, the entire right, title and interest in and to the PVP Certificates and Foreign Registrations, for the United States and for any foreign country, for its own use and enjoyment, and for

the use and enjoyment of its successors, assigns or other legal representatives, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by Assignor if this Assignment and sale had not been made; together with all claims for damages by reason of past, present or future infringement or other unauthorized use of the plants protected by the PVP Certificates and Foreign Registrations, with the right to sue for, and collect the same for its own use and enjoyment, and for the use and enjoyment of its successors, assigns, or other legal representatives.

Assignor authorizes and requests the Department of Agriculture to record Assignee as owner of the PVP Certificates and assignee of the entire right, title and interest in, to and under the same, for the sole use and enjoyment of Assignee, its successors, assigns or other legal representatives.

Assignor authorizes and requests the Ministero Per Il Coordinamento Delle Politiche Alimentare Gest. Prod. Agricole and any other organization, department or agency with jurisdiction over registration of plant varieties to record Assignee as owner of the Foreign Registrations and assignee of the entire right, title and interest in, to and under the same, for the sole use and enjoyment of Assignee, its successors, assigns or other legal representatives.

Assignor shall provide Assignee, its successors, assigns or other legal representatives, reasonable cooperation and assistance at Assignee's request (such as the execution and

delivery of any and all affidavits, declarations, oaths, exhibits, assignments, powers of attorney or other documentation as may be reasonably required) in the implementation or perfection of this Assignment.

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Assignment to be signed and executed this 31 day March 1994.

Sunseeds Ltd., L.P.

By Of March 1994.

Name Served March 1994.

STATE OF March 1994, there appeared before me same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing Assignment and who acknowledged that he signed the foregoing Assignment as his voluntary act and deed for the use and purpose therein set forth.

Notary Public

Notarial Seal Sandra K. Pack, Notary Public Pitsburgh, Allegheny County My Commission Expires July 26, 1997

Member, Pennsylvania Association of Notaries

Assignment

Schedule A

PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION CERTIFICATES

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| Current Record Owner | PV# | Crop Kind | Name of Variety | Cert. Issue Date | Expiration Date |
| A.L. Castle, Inc. | 8100077 | Tomato | Castlong ug | 11/26/82 | 11/26/2000 |
| | 8100078 | Tomato | Castlerock | 11/26/82 | 11/26/2000 |
| | 8200139 | Tomato | Castle Red | 11/26/82 | 11/26/2000 |
| ARCO Seed Co. | 7900076 | Onion | Colossal | 10/18/79 | 10/18/96 |
| | 7900086 | Onion | New Mexico White Grano PRR | 10/18/79 | 10/18/96 |
| | 7900117 | Onion | New Mexico Yellow Grano PRR | 1/29/80 | 1/29/97 |
| | 8000039 | Onion | Red Sunset | 7/31/80 | 7/31/97 |
| | 8000040 | Onion | Blanco Duro | 7/31/80 | 7/31/97 |
| | 8000041 | Onion | Brooks PRR | 7/31/80 | 7/31/97 |
| | 8000159 | Onion | Texspan PRR | 6/11/81 | 6/11/99 |
| . <u> </u> | 8000161 | Onion | Early Grand PRR | 7/30/81 | 7/30/99 |
| | 8100128 | Onion | Glory | 4/28/83 | 4/28/2001 |
| · | 8100129 | Onion | Paradise | 4/28/83 | 4/28/2001 |
| | 8100130 | Onion | Regal | 4/28/83 | 4/28/2001 |
| | 8100166 | Onion | Sweet Winter | 11/26/82 | 11/26/2000 |
| · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | 8300083 | Onion | Crystal Wax Pickling | 12/30/83 | 12/30/2001 |
| <u> </u> | 8100001 | Triticale | Jenkins | 2/15/84 | |
| | 8200032 | Triticale | Grace | 11/15/81 | |
| ··· | 8100150 | Celery | Grande | 1/13/83 | |
| Sunseeds, Div. of Westseeds, Inc. | 9100045 | Tomato | Sun 6095 | 1/31/92 | 1/31/2010 |
| Sunseeds Genetics, Inc. | 7600052 | Lettuce | Сһаралға | 5/16/77 | 5/16/94 |
| | 7600053 | Lettuce | Costaverde | 8/24/77 | 8/24/94 |
| | 7600054 | Lettuce | Gustaverde | 8/24/77 | 8/24/94 |
| | 7600055 | Lettuce | Mesaverde | 5/31/77 | 5/31/94 |
| | 7900067 | Lettuce | Commander | 7/26/79 | 7/26/96 |
| | 8500064 | Tomato | Mystro | 9/30/87 | 9/30/2005 |
| | 8700194 | Tomato | Sun 1643 | 11/29/91 | 11/29/2009 |
| | 8900171 | Cauliflower | White Diamond | 4/18/89 | |
| - | 8800057 | Pepper | Prima Belle | 9/30/88 | 9/30/2006 |
| UF Genetics, Inc. | 8300168 | Okra | Cajun Queen | 9/27/85 | 9/27/2003 |

Agreement (the "Agreement"), a copy of which is attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and is incorporated herein by this reference. Under the terms of the Agreement, Sunseeds granted to Security Pacific, as Agent for Banks, a security interest in any and all right, title, and interest in, to, and under all Certificates of Plant Variety Protection granted to Sunseeds and/or any of its predecessors in interest, subsidiaries, and/or divisions, including, but not limited to, the following Certificates of Plant Variety Protection, copies of which are attached hereto as "Exhibit B":

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| 12 | <u>Certificate</u> <u>Number</u> | Date Issued | <u>Grantee</u> | <u>V a r i e t y</u> <u>Protected</u> |
| 13 | | | | |
| 14 | 8800057 | 9-30-88 | Sunseeds Genetics, Inc. | "Prima Belle" Pepper |
| 15 | 8500064 | 9-30-87 | Sunseeds | "Mystro" |
| 16 | | | Genetics, Inc. | Tomato |
| 17 | 8300168 | 9-27-85 | Sunseeds, A Division of | "Cajun Queen" Okra |
| 18 | | | Agrigenetics | |
| 19 | 7900067 | 7-26-79 | Keystone Seed Co., Inc. | "Commander" Lettuce |
| 20 | | | | |
| 21 | 7600053 | 8-24-77 | Keystone Seed Company | "Costaverde" Lettuce |
| 22 | 7600055 | 5-31 - 77 | Keystone Seed | "Mesaverde" |
| 23 | | | Company | Lettuce |
| 24 | 7600052 | 5-16-77 | Keystone Seed | "Chaparral" |
| 25 | | | Company | Lettuce |
| 26 | 7300001 | 11-15-74 | Keystone Seed Company | "Scanion" Onion |

| 7300016 | 4-10-73 | Keystone Seed Company | "Picoverde" Lettuce |
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6. In addition, under the terms of the Supplementary Security Agreement, Sunseeds has granted to Agent, on behalf of Banks, a security interest in any and all right, title, and interest in, to, and under all of Sunseeds' Applications for Plant Variety Protection currently pending with the United States Department of Agriculture, Plant Variety Protection Office, including, but not limited to, the following Applications, copies of which are attached hereto as "Exhibit C":

| Application Number | Filing Date | Applicant | <u>Variety</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 8900171 | 4-18-89 | Sunseeds Genetics, Inc. | "White Diamond" Cauliflower |
| 8700194 | 8-24-87 | Sunseeds Genetics, Inc. | "Sunex 1643" Tomato |

6. This Affidavit is to evidence the transfer of a security interest only, and does not reflect the transfer of any other interest in the above-referenced Certificates and Applications.

Dated: December 15, 1989.

Roderick N. Stacey

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25 26 Roderick N. Stacey, being first duly sworn, says:

- I am the President and Chief Executive Officer of Sunseeds Genetics, Inc. ("Sunseeds"), a corporation organized and existing pursuant to the laws of the state of Delaware, and having its principal place of business in Hollister, California. I am authorized to make this affidavit on behalf of Sunseeds.
- 2. Sunseeds is a former division of Agrigenetics Corporation is successor to certain Certificates of Plant Variety Protection granted to Agrigenetics Corporation, including, but not limited to, those Certificates listed in paragraph number five (5) of this affidavit which designate Agrigenetics Corporation as a grantee.
- Sunseeds has acquired by merger or purchase all of the 3. Certificates of Plant Variety Protection listed in Paragraph number five (5) of this affidavit.
- Sunseeds, Security Pacific National Bank, ("Security Pacific"), Cooperatieve Centrale Raiffeisen-Boerenleenbank, B.A., New York Branch ("Rabobank Nederland"), and Caisse Nationale De Credit Agricole ("Credit Agricole") (Security Pacific, Rabobank Nederland, and Credit Agricole are collectively referred to as the "Banks") and Security Pacific as Agent for the Banks, are parties to a Credit Agreement dated as of January 6, 1989.
- 5. As of August 3, 1989, Sunseeds and Security Pacific as Agent for the Banks, entered into a Supplementary Security

